

# CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

## REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 8/30/17	NEED RESPONSE BY: 9/6/17
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: County of Santa Barbara	
3. PHONE NO.:	7. SUBJECT: Mileage rate for medical exp and dependent care exp	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-502.331(h) and 63-502.34	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) <b>NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).</b> 2017 IRS Standard Mileage Rates	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Q #1: The cost of transportation for doctor visits, to pharmacy and other medical facilities can be used as a medical expense. The IRS 2017 Standard Mileage rate for medical travel is .17. The business rate is .54 (53.5). Is it appropriate to use the .17 or .54 rate to determine a medical expense?

Q #2: Dependent Care cost shall be allowed as a deduction. At the recent SMD training held in Sac, it was mentioned transportation to and from the baby-sitter's house can be used as dependent care cost. The IRS 2017 Standard Mileage rate for business travel is .54 (53.5). Is it appropriate to use the .54 rate to determine the dependent care expense?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Q #1: Yes - using the .17 Standard Mileage rate for medical travel is appropriate.

Q #2: Yes - using the .54 Standard Mileage rate for business travel is appropriate.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

CDSS concurs with the county's proposed answer.

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### FOR CDSS USE

DATE RECEIVED: 8/30/17	DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: 9/1/17
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